



1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Senator John W. Maitland, Jr. was born in Normal,  
3 Ill., on July 29, 1936, to John and Elsa Maitland; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland is a graduate of Normal Community  
5 High School and Illinois State University and served in the  
6 United States Marine Corps; and Senator Maitland married his  
7 wife, Joanna Sieg, and together they have three children, Jody  
8 Ann, Johnny, and Jay, and six grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland, a resident of Bloomington,  
10 served in the Illinois State Senate from 1979 until he resigned  
11 in April 2002 because of health reasons; and

12 WHEREAS, During those 23 years, he earned the respect of  
13 his colleagues, both Republicans and Democrats, because he  
14 demonstrated the rare ability to get things done; when he rose  
15 to speak in the Senate, people recognized his command of the  
16 issues - especially agriculture and education; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland is a nationally recognized  
18 expert on agriculture issues and has first-hand knowledge of  
19 the needs of farmers; he has spent long hours in the fields  
20 raising grain; he was president of the local county Farm  
21 Bureau; he has studied agriculture and conservation issues in  
22 other states; his expertise was the driving force behind the  
23 long-sought compromise, forged in 1999, for the regulation of  
24 large livestock production facilities in Illinois; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland is a strong advocate and tireless  
26 champion of a quality education, having served in leadership  
27 roles on committees and commissions that analyzed and set  
28 education policy affecting Illinois students across the State;  
29 he had a leadership role in every major effort to improve  
30 education in the last two decades, including the Illinois

1 Educational Reform Act of 1985, the Illinois Task Force on  
2 School Finance in 1993, and the Governor' Commission on  
3 Education Funding in 1996; Senator Maitland has been  
4 particularly outspoken about the need for funding equity; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Maitland's membership on committees, his  
6 work with organizations and his honors - local, State and  
7 national - are too numerous to list; he is held in the highest  
8 esteem by his colleagues from both parties; for 23 years, he  
9 was the senator from central Illinois, but his legacy of  
10 excellence and commitment to the greater good has made Illinois  
11 a better place for all its citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Illinois Route 9 runs through Senator Maitland's  
13 hometown, Bloomington; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
16 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the portion of Illinois Route 9  
17 commencing at the east boundary of Bloomington and ending at  
18 the west boundary of Danvers, Ill. be designated the John W.  
19 Maitland, Jr. Highway; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is  
21 requested to erect appropriate plaques or signs giving notice  
22 to the John W. Maitland, Jr. Highway; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
24 presented to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation and to  
25 Senator John W. Maitland, Jr.